

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claim Objections

Claims 34 and 37 were objected to because of certain informalities. Claim 34 has been amended to depend from claim 31 and claim 37 has been amended to depend from claim 35. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the claim objections.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10-14, 16, 31-32, 34-35, and 37-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Recently, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit issued an opinion regarding what constitutes patent-eligible subject matter. See *In re Bilski*, 545 F.3d 943, 88 USPQ2d 1385 (Fed. Cir. 2008). As clarified in *Bilski*, the test for a method claim is whether the claimed method is (1) tied to a particular machine or apparatus, or (2) transforms a particular article to a different state or thing. In particular, the Court, in *Bilski*, stated that claims for the transformation of data representing physical and tangible objects and limited to a practical application are patent-eligible. The method of independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2, 4-7, 10-14, 16 and 39-43 that depend from claim 1, transform data representing power events affecting a single UPS. Claim 1 recites that power event data are transformed into a format that can be displayed to a user. Thus, independent claim 1 recites, and its dependent claims recite, patent-eligible subject matter per the Court's opinion in *Bilski*. Independent claim 31 recites various means for performing functions. By definition, the means are tied to hardware that is described in the specification for performing the various functions. For example, the means can be embodied in the general purpose computer illustrated in Figure 1. Thus, claim 31 recites, and its dependent claims 32 and 34 recite, patent-eligible subject matter. Independent claim 35 recites a computer program product residing on a

computer readable medium comprising computer-readable instructions that will cause a computer to perform the recited functions. Thus, independent claim 35 is also tied to a particular piece of hardware such as, for example, the general purpose computer of Figure 1. Thus, independent claim 35 recites, and its dependent claims 37-38 recite, patent-eligible subject matter.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10-14, 16-26, 31-32, 34-35 and 37-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2003/0033550 (Kuiawa). Claims 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of Kuiawa.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10-14, 16 and 39-43

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10-14, 16 and 39-43 are patentable in view of Kuiawa. Independent claim 1 recites a system for providing information about the occurrence of at least one predetermined event associated with a single uninterruptible power supply (UPS) in operable communication with the system. The system includes a user interface module configured to automatically generate a first user interface portion providing information relating to the predetermined event and further configured to generate a second user interface portion providing historical power event information associated with the single UPS, wherein the first and second user interface portions together occupy substantially an entire display window. Kuiawa describes a system for monitoring a plurality of UPS devices coupled to a network. *See Kuiawa*, the abstract. Kuiawa does not describe a system for providing information about a single UPS in operable communication with the system as recited in claim 1. As shown in FIG. 6 of Kuiawa, the system of Kuiawa displays a list of multiple UPS devices. When a user clicks one of the devices 622 in the dialog window 600, a lower portion 604 of the dialog window 600 displays a current status of the UPS device. However, Kuiawa does not teach, suggest or disclose that the user interface module generates a second user interface portion providing historical power event information associated with the single UPS, or that the first and second user interface portions together occupy substantially an entire display window, as recited

in independent claim 1. Thus, for at least these reasons, independent claim 1, and claims 2, 4-7, 10-14, 16 and 39-43 that depend from claim 1, are patentable over Kuiawa.

Claims 17-25

Applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 17 and its dependent claims are patentable in view of Kuiawa. Independent claim 17 recites a method for providing a notification about the operation of a single uninterruptible power supply (UPS) connected to a computer system. The method includes generating a second user interface portion providing historical power event information associated with the single UPS, wherein the first and second user interface portions together occupy substantially an entire display window. As discussed above in reference to independent claim 1, the system of Kuiawa displays information regarding the current status about a plurality of UPS devices. Kuiawa does not teach, suggest or disclose generating a second user interface portion providing historical power event information associated with the single UPS, or that the first and second user interface portions together occupy substantially an entire display window, as recited in independent claim 17. Thus, for at least these reasons, independent claim 17, and claims 18-25 that depend from claim 17, are patentable in view of Kuiawa.

Claims 26-29

Applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 26 and its dependent claims are patentable in view of Kuiawa. Independent claim 26 recites a method for providing a user, when an event occurs, with information relating to the operation of a single uninterruptible power supply (UPS). The method includes displaying a second user interface portion providing historical power event information associated the single UPS, wherein the first and second user interface portions together occupy substantially an entire display window. As discussed above in reference to independent claim 1, As discussed above in reference to independent claim 1, the system of Kuiawa displays information regarding the current status about a plurality of UPS devices. Kuiawa does not teach, disclose, or suggest displaying a second user interface portion providing historical power event information associated the single UPS, or that the first and second user interface portions together occupy substantially an entire display window, as recited

in independent claim 26. Thus, for at least these reasons, independent claim 26 is, and claims 27-29 that depend from claim 26 are, patentable in view of Kuiawa.

Claims 31, 32 and 34

Applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 31 and its dependent claims are patentable in view of Kuiawa. Independent claim 31 recites a system for notifying a user about the occurrence of at least one event associated with the operation of a single uninterruptible power supply (UPS), the event having a duration. The system includes means for generating a second user interface portion providing historical power event information associated with the single UPS, wherein the first and second user interface portions together occupy substantially an entire display window. As discussed above in reference to independent claim 1, the system of Kuiawa displays information regarding the current status about a plurality of UPS devices. Kuiawa does not teach, disclose, or suggest means for generating a second user interface portion providing historical power event information associated with the single UPS, or that the first and second user interface portions together occupy substantially an entire display window, as recited in independent claim 31. Thus, for at least these reasons, independent claim 31, and claims 32-34 that depend from claim 31, are patentable in view of Kuiawa.

Claims 35 and 37-38

Applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 35 and its dependent claims are patentable in view of Kuiawa. Independent claim 35 recites a computer program product for providing information about the status of a single uninterruptible power supply (UPS) during an event, the UPS having at least one operational parameter. The computer program product includes computer-readable instructions for causing a computer to generate and cause to be displayed a second user interface portion providing historical power event information associated with the single UPS, wherein the first and second user interface portions together occupy substantially an entire display window. As discussed above in reference to independent claim 1, the system of Kuiawa displays information regarding the current status about a plurality of UPS devices. Kuiawa does not teach, disclose, or suggest the recited computer program product configured to cause a computer to generate and cause to be displayed a second user interface

portion providing historical power event information associated with the single UPS, or that the first and second user interface portions together occupy substantially an entire display window, as recited in independent claim 35. Thus, for at least these reasons, independent claim 35, and claims 37 and 38 that depend from claim 35, are patentable in view of Kufiawa.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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